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COUNTRY	East Germany	SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT	
TOPIC			
Status of Werneuchen Airfield as of Mid-March 1953			
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
DATE OF CONTENT.			
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		DATE PREPARED	4 August 1953
REFERENCES			
PAGES	1	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)	3 - 2 sketches and 1 legend (see note below).
REMARKS			

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The installations at Werneuchen airfield had remained almost undamaged by the end of the war. There was, however, no concrete runway available. Prior to February 1951, the field had been occupied by two bomber regiments, equipped with Pe-2s. These two regiments were transferred to Jueterbog during the time improvement work was being done at Werneuchen airfield by the Bauunion Brandenburg. Construction work was conducted at the field in two different stages. During the first stage, which lasted from February to November 1951, the following installations were completed:

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1. Concrete runway, 2,500 meters long, 80 meters wide and 20-cm of concrete thick;
2. Southern taxiway with connecting lanes to the runway;
3. Fence around the field;
4. Laying of the spur track.

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Upon completion of these works, the two bomber regiments then returned to Werneuchen airfield, on 6 December 1951. The two regiments had meanwhile been re-equipped with Il-28s. They remained at Werneuchen airfield during the second construction stage between about February 1952 and February 1953 and conducted air activity with the Il-28 aircraft. The following work was accomplished during the second construction stage:

5. Northern taxiway;
6. Dispersal areas and shrapnelproof aircraft revetments;
7. Underground fuel dump.

Attached as Annex 1 is a sketch of the installations at the field, at a scale of 1:12,500. Annex 2 is an enlargement of the quartering area. Annex 3 is the legend to the two sketches.

Note: Annexes 1 and 2 to Air only.

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Installations	Abbreviations	Remarks
Radio installations	Fu A	PKV-45 DF station in eastern extension of runway
	Fu C	Inner low frequency landing beacon located near PKV-45 DF station
	Fu D	Outer low frequency landing beacon
		Another radio installation of an unidentified type is located near the kennel
Fire department	Fw	Located next to flight control station
Garages	G	
	G 1) G 2)	Halls for motor vehicles
	G 3	Garage for car of commanding officer of the field
Hangars	H	
	H 1) H 2) H 3)	Occupied by aircraft, guarded by sentries; H 1 and H 2, each about 50x100 x 8 meters
	H 4) H 5) H 6)	Occupied by aircraft and guarded by sentries; H 5 about 50 x 100 x 8 meters annex of H 6; oil dump
	H 7	Hangar at present not occupied by aircraft but by equipment required for maintenance work at the field
Kennel	Hk	Occupied by about 16 dogs in the fall of 1952
Zeroing-in stands	JS	Three zeroing-in stands, each about 75 meters long; one target range for small arms, now used as ammunition dump by AAA (M 2)
Kitchens and educational installations	K	
	K 1	Educational building, motion picture theater etc.
	K 2	Kitchen for air force personnel
	K 3	Kitchen and mess for officers
	K 4) K 5)	Kitchen for technical personnel, vacant at present
Boiler house	Kal	Boiler house for heating and water; German civilians are also employed there
	Ke 2	Destroyed
Laboratory	Lb	Near fuel dump (T 1); new building with 6 rooms

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I. Location

- a. 33 km northeast of Berlin, and about 1.5 km east of Werneuchen
- b. 52°38'05" N/13°45'40" E
- c. 82 meters above sea level
- d. Plane table sheet No 3348

II. Possibilities of Approach and Observation

The airfield can probably be observed from the southeast and from the village of Hirschfelde, while the view from the Werneuchen-Wesendahl road, which is partly blocked, is obstructed by a 2-meter-high board fence. The southern fuel dump, referred to as T 1 in this report, is surrounded by a barbed wire fence, the exact course of which is not yet known. It has not been determined either whether or not the northern edge of the landing field is bordered by a fence. The airfield is strictly guarded by sentries who are probably accompanied by dogs. One-man dug-outs and communication trenches exist on the northern edge of the field. Concrete one-man bunkers were erected on the field.

III. Legend to Sketches with Abbreviations Used

<u>Installations</u>	<u>Abbreviations</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Landing field		Firm grass cover, drainage system
Dispersal areas	A	Aprons in front of hangars, on landing field, and hardstands with shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments along taxiway
Bunkers	B	
	BH	Isolated gray high bunker, use of which is unknown
Railroad connection	Ba	Served by Werneuchen railroad station
Spur track		For course, see sketch
Loading ramp		Located at dump 1 (Ig 1)
Lighting facilities	Be	
Rotary searchlight		Changes location
Runway lights		Southern side of runway
Obstacle lights		-
Flare path		Eastern extension of runway
Shrapnelproof aircraft revetments	Bo	Located on both sides of taxiway
Electric installations	E1	Transformer house
Flight control station	F	Permanently guarded by sentries; radar set on roof
AAA	F1 1	6 x 37-mm AA guns
	F1 2	8 x 76.2-mm AA guns, ballistic director; sheds for vehicles; earth huts used as quarters; communication trenches
	F1 3	6 x 37-mm AA guns

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Dumps and storehouses	Ig 1	Storehouse with loading ramp at spur track
	Ig 56	Clothing and equipment dump; No 56 is the house number
Hospital	Iz	
Ammunition dump	M	
	M 1	Located north of airfield, consisting of 6 temporary buildings, 4 watch towers, surrounded by two fences and guarded by about 30 men; lighted at night; an undetermined quantity of bombs from Buckau-Pramsdorf are stored there
	M 2	Former target range south of zeroing-in stand; AA ammunition is stored there
	M 3	Located in intact cellar of destroyed repair hangar; bombs from Buckau-Pramsdorf are stored there
Pumping station	Fu	For drainage and irrigation facilities; location not definite
Taxiway	R	Width: 18 meters
Runway	S	Length: 2,500 meters; width: 80 meters; concrete 25 cm thick
Barriers	Sb	At outer and inner entrances to airfield
School building	Sch	Instruction rooms mostly for technical instructions
Athletic field	Sp	Recently fenced in
Fuel dumps	T 1	Southern underground fuel dump storing about 1,075,000 liters of kerosene from Riesa Harbor; 36 containers with 21.8 cubic meters each and 12 containers with 24.2 cubic meters each
	T 2	Northern underground fuel dump storing about 1,045,000 liters of kerosene from Riesa Harbor; 48 containers with 21.8 cubic meters each
Quartering buildings	U	
	U ₀	Dwelling of commanding officer with guest rooms

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Installations	Abbreviations	Remarks
	U 1) to U 31)	Buildings on Normannen Strasse and Sachsen Strasse, surrounded by board fence; three-story buildings, each 8 x 16 meters, occupied by technical personnel including officers and civilians with dependents
	U 32) U 33)	Settlement buildings at angle formed by Werneuchen-Wesendahl and Werneuchen-Wegendorf roads, surrounded and separated by board fence; occupied by German workers, AA personnel, officers and EM
	U 42) to U 55)	Numbers refer to house numbers; buildings, each about 12 x 40 x 12 meters, occupied by EM
	U 57) to U 59)	Numbers refer to house numbers; each building about 12 x 40 x 12 meters, occupied by officers
	U 61) U 62)	Occupied by MVD
Administrative building	Vw	Headquarters building
Repair hangar	W	Destroyed
Guardhouse	Wa	
	Wa 1	Main guardhouse with barrier
	Wa 2	Guardhouse with barrier at entrance
	Wa	Unnumbered guardhouse with fuel and ammunition dumps
Workshops	We	
	We 1	Forge and locksmith's shop occupied by Soviets
	We 2	Temporary building housing carpenter shop
	We 3	Located south of eastern section of taxiway with 2 temporary buildings occupied by electricians in charge of lighting facilities at the field
Ordnance shop	Wn	Section of destroyed repair hangar
Meteorological station	Wr	Probably in flight control building
Fence	%	

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	W	Wire fence; entire course not determined
	B	Board fence
Buildings of undetermined type and use		1 through 9

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